

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Everett Barker "Butch" Williams on July 25, 2022, at the
3 age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Beaumont, Everett Williams was born on
5 February 6, 1942, to Floyd Everett and Villa Mae Morehead Williams,
6 and he grew up in Anahuac with two siblings, Drew and Kathy; while
7 attending school in Anahuac, he excelled in sports, earning
8 honorable mention All-State honors in football and placing in
9 several state track events; during this time, he met the love of his
10 life, the former Shirley Jenkins, whom he wed in 1963; over the
11 course of 58 years of marriage, the couple made their home in
12 Hankamer and raised three sons, Everett, Tim, and Danny; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams attended Baylor University on a
14 football scholarship and played on the team that won the 1963
15 Bluebonnet Bowl championship; in 1966, he graduated from The
16 University of Texas School of Law, and he took an associate position
17 with the Houston law firm of Dempsey Prappas; he subsequently moved
18 to Baytown and became a partner in the law firm of Reid, Strickland
19 & Gillette, where he practiced real estate law for more than five
20 decades; and

21 WHEREAS, In later life, Mr. Williams was blessed with six
22 grandchildren, Jerod, Hannah, Grace, Gage, Charlotte, and Cooper,
23 and a "bonus grandchild," Carl Isaacs, along with four
24 great-grandchildren, Gideon, Teagan, Asher, and Finn; devoted to

1 his faith, he attended services at the Church of Christ in Mont
2 Belvieu for over 60 years, and he further dedicated himself to his
3 community in his roles as a director of Anahuac National Bank and
4 American Plant Food in Galena Park for many decades; he enjoyed
5 hunting and spending time in the outdoors, and he was admired for
6 his gifts as both a superb cook and a wonderful storyteller; and

7 WHEREAS, Everett Williams was a source of joy and inspiration
8 to all who were privileged to know him, and he will forever hold a
9 cherished place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature pay tribute to the life of Everett Barker "Butch"
12 Williams and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his
13 passing; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Everett
17 Williams.

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H.R. No. 1367

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1367 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House